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U.S. Patent Nos. 5,713,125 and 5,400,497 correspond to JP 4-164398.

5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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